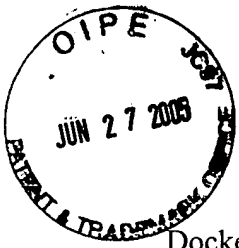




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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until June 24, 2005.

Applicant's representative conducted a brief telephone interview with the Examiner on May 5, 2005, in which the identification of the references cited in the present Office Action were questioned. In particular, Applicant's representative inquired as to the validity of reference numbers for patents cited as prior art in the Office Action mailed on March 24, 2005. The Office Action referred to a reference identified by "Kim (2002/0018658)." However, the published patent application identified as 2002/0018658 is a patent application to inventors Sakai, Saito and Kawamura, in a completely unrelated field.

After reviewing the Office Action, the Examiner stated that there was an error in the citation, and that another Office Action would need to be generated to correct the error, as the correct reference number was unknown.

An Interview Summary letter requesting the issuance of a corrected Office Action was mailed on May 17, 2005, in accordance with the Examiner's instructions from the May 5, 2005 interview.

Applicants would appreciate the issuance of a corrected Office Action that provides the correct citation and resets the period for response accordingly.


The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, the Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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